

**[OP MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 57, MARCH 18,
2002, March 18, 2002]**

**DIRECTING THE SPEEDY RESOLUTION OF APPEALED CASES IN
THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND AUTHORIZING
ADDITIONAL OFFICIALS TO SIGN "BY AUTHORITY OF THE
PRESIDENT" FOR THIS PURPOSE**

WHEREAS, this Government is founded on good governance which includes the speedy administration of justice;

WHEREAS, over the years, there has accumulated a significant backlog of cases appealed to the Office of the President from various departments, agencies or offices;

WHEREAS, the backlog of cases has already been gradually reduced under this Administration, but every effort should be exerted to bring down the inventory of appealed cases to a manageable minimum;

WHEREAS, in order to achieve this, it is necessary to designate senior officials, for a defined temporary period, to focus on the resolution of such appealed cases and to authorize them to sign resolutions and decisions related thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested upon me by law, do hereby order as follows:

1. The following senior officials of the Office of the President are hereby directed to focus on the review and resolution of decisions, resolutions, orders or actions of departments, agencies, and offices elevated to the Office of the President for review and final administrative resolution:

- a. Deputy Executive Secretary for Legal Affairs Jose T. Tale
- b. Deputy Executive Secretary Arthur P. Autea

The Deputy Executive Secretary for Legal Affairs shall be the administrative coordinator of the team.

2. The foregoing are hereby directed to complete the review and disposition of the current inventory of all appealed decisions, resolutions, orders or actions of departments, agencies and offices pending before the Office of the President within a period ending December 31, 2002.

3. For this purpose, Deputy Executive Secretary for Legal Affairs Jose T. Tale and Deputy Executive Secretary Arthur P. Autea shall have the authority to sign "By Authority of the President" decisions, resolutions and orders: